

## **FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**September 12, 2007**

**8:00 PM**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Baldorossi called the meeting to order.

### **SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

The Opening Statement was read: Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 7, 2007; given to the Register News for information; posted on the municipal bulletin board.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: John Fratinardo, Bruce Garganio, Elizabeth Ryan, Jerry Sandusky, Frank Baldorossi

Also Present: Mayor Michael Muchowski; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; Russell Trice, Township Water and Sewer Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Judy King, 35 W. Fifth Street, asked if there was a response to the letter dated September 6, 2007 from the Florence Historical Society requesting help with the cost of storage expenses and a space to conduct meetings and display artifacts? Mayor Muchowski stated that the letter was in the packet for the governing body to review. The item will be placed on the next Worksession Agenda for discussion. He stated that Ms. King would be invited to the meeting to provide input.

Mayor Muchowski knows the township has worked with organizations in the past but does not believe that the township has provided financial support for remote storage. Depending on the size of space and the access required, the township may be able to work with the Florence Historical Society to come up with space to suit their needs. Ms. King thanked Mayor and Council.

Bonnie Peters, 102 Eighth Avenue, noticed last year that the corners of the sidewalks in Roebling were made handicapped accessible and asked why the alley between Seventh Avenue and Eighth Avenue on the right side on Main Street was not done? Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, explained that the township goes through the community on a yearly basis, or at least every other year, and does accessibility improvements to install those ramps. As time goes on, the intent is to take care of all intersections. Mayor Muchowski stated the governing body has been trying to make continuous routes for barrier free accessibility to different areas of the community. That intersection will be looked at. He explained that the handicapped ramps are usually incorporated into a road program.

Dennis O'Hara, 871 Wallace Avenue, stated that there is a large piece of equipment fenced in on Nothing But the Word's property on Route 130 and asked what it is? Mayor Muchowski explained that a substation off Burlington-Columbus Road is being repaired and that large piece of equipment is a mobile power station so no one is without power while the repairs are being done.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Ryan; seconded by Garganio to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

**KYLE BURG: EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Kyle Burg, Boy Scout Troop 3, is here this evening to ask permission to work in Veterans Park on his Eagle Scout Project. He would like to sell trees, along with bronze personalized plaques, to memorialize a loved one or family member. He would like to seek contributions by advertising in the Register News, distributing, posting and word of mouth in the community. He will be utilizing volunteers from his Boy Scout Troop, the Venture Crew as well as family and friends to help dig and plant the trees that he sells for \$500 a piece. This includes the personalized plaque and tree. His father and his employer will be donating suitable equipment to help him in his venture, with Council's approval. Mr. Burg will also be working under the supervision of the Shade Tree Commission. He would like to have his project complete no later than March 2008 with at least a total of twelve (12) trees.

Mayor Muchowski asked Mr. Burg what area of Veterans Park he is looking at for the plantings? Mr. Burg stated in Veterans Park behind Sterling House. Mayor Muchowski stated that area coincides with the Park Master Plan that the governing body discussed a few weeks ago. He stated that it sounds like a worthwhile project to undertake to achieve his Eagle Scout.

Assistant Administrator Sahol met with Mr. Burg a few days ago and he has received three (3) commitments from people interested in purchasing trees.

Mayor Muchowski would like to designate an area for Mr. Burg so the governing can refine their Park Master Plan.

Council Member Garganio asked Mr. Burg if has spoken to Assistant Administrator Sahol regarding the type of trees that would be planted? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that he provided Mr. Burg with the information on the type of trees to get.

Council Member Garganio appreciates Mr. Burg's project and thinks it's a great idea. All of Council endorses Mr. Burg's project and wished him luck.

**EIGHTH AVENUE PARKING**

Administrator Brook gave an overview of how this came about. The township received a petition on June 20, 2007 signed by 28 residents from a total of 21 homes asking for lined parking on Eighth Avenue. Some residents attended the meeting that evening and expressed their concerns as to why they believed lined parking would be appropriate. Council thought it would be appropriate to contact all of the Eighth Avenue residents. So a letter was sent to the residents advising them of the concern that was brought before the governing body and acquired as to how the residents felt. Administrator Brook explained that there are specific distance requirements in regards to intersections and fire hydrants with lined parking. Spaces would definitely be lost with lined parking. After the letter went out, the township received a petition from another group of residents against lined parking on Eighth Avenue. At that time the governing body thought it would be best to invite the residents to a meeting to allow them to voice their own opinions. Administrator Brook looked at both petitions earlier this evening and noted that out of the 28 that signed the petition for lines, 19 of those also signed the petition against lined parking.

Council President Baldorossi opened up the meeting to the public at this time.

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Jill Lutz, 156 Eighth Avenue, stated that she originally signed the petition in favor of lined parking. She signed because so many other residents of the block signed it and she did not want to be one of the only residents not to sign. She stated that there is very little, if any, parking on Eighth Avenue and most nights the overflow parking lot next to the library is full. On many nights her 17-year-old daughter has had to park behind the library. Ms. Lutz does not like her having to walk from that lot to their home late at night.

Ms. Lutz feels that if striped parking is done and parking spots are removed, it will only make matters worse. There will be less parking for Eighth Avenue as well as Seventh Avenue, who also use the overflow parking lot. She does not feel that lined parking will squash any of the animosity on Eighth Avenue. There is more than just a parking problem on that street; there is a lot of hurt feelings and disrespect, which needs to be spoken about.

Laurie Goodwin, 116 Eighth, did not sign the first petition because she did not understand it. She stated that there is no problem with parking on her end of the street and she did not realize there was a problem on the rest of the street. Ms. Goodwin helped with the second petition because parking spaces will be lost with lined parking. She does not believe that lined parking works on the avenues where it been done in Roebling. She drove down Second Avenue and noticed that vehicles are not parked properly within the lines and that the vehicles were not ticketed. Mayor Muchowski explained that the lines are not enforceable; they are there to help create organized parking. He also added that the majority of the residents of those streets wanted lined parking.

Mayor Muchowski explained that Council is not trying to shape opinion on whether lined parking should be done on Eighth Avenue. If that were the case it would have just been done. Council thought the best way to handle it, is to allow the residents that would be effected everyday discuss in a professional manner. The governing body is not looking to create further animosity. Some areas have liked the lined parking because it worked for their street. The decision is made on a case-by-case basis because lined parking does not work on every avenue in the village.

Bonnie Peters, 102 Eighth Avenue, stated that she signed the original petition not thinking of the problems it would bring. She then signed the second petition to rescind her signature on the first petition. She rescinds her signature on the first petition again this evening. She feels that if a household has two (2) or more vehicles, one (1) should be parked in front of the house and the others in the municipal lot. She explained that she has 100' on the side of her house and when her husband comes home at midnight he has no place to park. She does not know what the solution is but does not feel that striping will help because even more parking spaces will be lost.

Susan Bassett, 124 Eighth Avenue, asked how many parking spaces would be lost from Hornberger Avenue to Main Street? Administrator Brook feels that 8 – 10 spaces would be lost. Ms. Bassett suggested permit parking. Mayor Muchowski explained that it does not work because the houses are only 15' wide and a space is 22' wide.

Mayor Muchowski stated that there is ample parking on a continuous basis on Main Street between Eighth Avenue and Tenth Avenue but it is not close to the houses. Understandably people do not want to park far away from their house at night, which is the typical problem time. Mayor Muchowski does not believe that there is a solution that will allow everyone to have the ability to park in front of their home in the entire village. There are more cars than on street parking spaces.

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Timothy Fink, 136 Eighth Avenue, has lived in Roebling for approximately 4 years now and finds that he has a parking spot 90% of the time. Since spaces will be lost, Mr. Fink does not believe that lined parking will help.

Mayor Muchowski asked for a show of hands of who were present was from Eighth Avenue, which a majority of those present were. Mayor Muchowski also asked for a show of hands of those in favor of striped parking. Four (4) of the many residents present raised their hands. Majority of the residents present are against striped parking.

Mayor Muchowski discussed needing a criteria for Council to make these types of decisions. He questioned whether a ballot should be sent to the residents or to make a decision from tonight's response from the residents. Council Member Ryan asked how it was done in the past with Second Avenue and Railroad Avenue? Administrator Brook stated that on the other avenues it went very smoothly with the residents; there did not appear to be animosity among the residents. It is clear that the majority of the Eighth Avenue residents do not want lined parking.

Joe Powell, 106 Eighth Avenue, asked if there has been given any consideration to diagonal parking spaces? Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that a study was done on diagonal parking and more parking spaces would be lost.

Donna Benscoter, 130 Eighth Avenue, admits that her household is one of the houses that has the most vehicles just by the number of people living in her house. She stated that her family tries to park their vehicles as close together as possible to be courteous to others; with lined parking they would no longer be able to do that.

Jean Hill, 3 Eighth Avenue, does not have a parking problem in her block and would not like to see lined parking. She questioned whether vehicles could be parked on the grassy area along the 100 block of Eighth Avenue? Mayor Muchowski explained that is a Green Acres parcel of land and can only be utilized for an event. It also cannot be utilized for overnight parking. He explained that the township used to allow parking in that grassy area until it was brought to the attention of Green Acres and the township was compelled to enforce the rules and regulations that helped to acquire that land.

Ms. Goodwin stated that the second petition was done over days, not in a few hours, and every door on Eighth Avenue was knocked on.

Ms. Goodwin asked what will happen to the baseball field next year now that the new high school has a baseball field? She asked if it could be made into a park for the children? Mayor Muchowski explained that the baseball field may be used for other baseball leagues. Ms. Goodwin was told that there would no longer be baseball games held there and the dugouts would be demolished. Mayor Muchowski stated that there are no plans to demolish the field. He explained that the field will no longer be used by the high school but that does not mean it will not be utilized. Field Hockey is currently using the field. There have been discussions of eliminating some of the hills and making it a more level and useful area. There is no plan at the current time to eliminate it as a baseball field. Ms. Goodwin discussed a mound of dirt that a child was hurt on when he fell off this past summer. Administrator Brook will look into and have the mound of dirt removed.

Kenneth Babula, 158 Eighth Avenue, stated that he is against the lined parking.

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Susan Maguire, 150 Eighth Avenue, stated that she has lived at this house for 29 years. The past five (5) years have been very bad with parking. She has waited and been late for work because her car is stuck in the spot. The petition was brought to her as an alternative but now it has been blown out of proportion. All she wants to do is be able to park on the street and be able to pull in and out of a spot. She would like to try lined parking.

Lisa Gerstenacker, 146 Eighth Avenue, thanked Mayor and Council for the 30 day temporary handicapped parking space in front of her home. She stated that she is opposed to lined parking. The spaces are larger than needed for the cars on her street and more spaces will be lost. She stated that common courtesy towards the neighbors would go a long way.

Michelle Zitnick, 158 Eighth Avenue, has lived there for 5 years. When she first moved there the neighbors used to work together with parking and the men would park in the lot. Then a situation occurred, then there was a vendetta and now the neighbors are not getting along. Ms. Zitnick stated that if a car is blocked in, the owner only has to knock on the other owner's door and ask them nicely to move their car. She stated that if the neighbors were civil and worked together it would work better than lines. She feels that lined parking will only make matters worse.

Greg Goodwin, 116 Eighth Avenue, knew from the past that parking spaces would be lost with lined parking. He is opposed to lined parking. He walked the avenues with lines and noticed that vehicles are parking over the lines and parking across two spaces. Lines will not help. He feels it would be a waste of tax money. He would rather see tax money used to benefit the whole community not just Eighth Avenue.

Adrienne Fillmyer, 160 Eighth Avenue, stated that her mother has lived there for 38 years. She stated that the neighbors are not as courteous as they used to be; now there is a lot of animosity. The neighbors used to communicate with each other. She stated that drivers do not mean to hit the other cars or park close to their bumpers; there is just no place to park. She does not agree with lined parking.

Mr. Goodwin asked if consideration has been given to diagonal parking on the field side of Eighth Avenue? He added as the children on the street get their drivers license there will be more vehicles on the street. Mr. Guzzi explained that more spaces would be lost with diagonal spaces than with lined parallel spaces. He stated that parking is not much of an issue on his end of the block. He reiterated that he is against lined parking.

Jennifer Piantadosi, 154 Eighth Avenue, stated that she is the one who circulated the original petition due to the "ignorance" on the street. She explained that approximately last November parking got worse when, to prove a point, one of the residents left a vehicle parked in front of another's house for 6 months straight so no one else could park there. She has tried asking neighbors to work together and it has not worked. She is in favor of lined parking.

Ms. Lutz stated that it is quite obvious that the problem is at her end of Eighth Avenue not the other end. She admits that the problem started at her end due to a problem with herself and her neighbor. The car that was parked in front of another's house was hers. She stated that she and her neighbor have since put their differences aside. She does not feel that the remainder of the street needs to suffer from a grievance on her end of the street. She suggested that the first eight (8) homes attend

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mediation to work out their differences. She does not believe lined parking will help. Ms. Zitnick agrees.

Susan Bassett, 124 Eighth Avenue, also has a problem at her end of the street. She asked that residents with multiple cars be polite and park their secondary cars on Main Street. Ms. Bassett is for lined parking.

Jennifer Maguire, 150 Eighth Avenue, asked if it was possible to use the parking lot across from the Roebling School? Mayor Muchowski stated that it is part of Green Acres and overnight parking is not allowed.

In response to Mr. Goodwin, Mayor Muchowski explained that the field and parking lot is municipal property but was funded through Green Acres, which brings certain restrictions. Mr. Goodwin does not understand why the residents cannot park in the lot when school is closed. Council Member Sandusky expressed concern that if the township allowed overnight parking in the lot that the school uses and a vehicle does not start in the morning.

Council Member Sandusky lived in Roebling for years and parking has always been a problem.

Mr. Goodwin discussed the vehicle that was parked without moving for months. It was his understanding that as long as a vehicle is registered and insured it can sit on a public street indefinitely. Administrator Brook explained that a vehicle cannot sit without moving for more than 30 days.

Mayor Muchowski believes that the governing body knows where everybody stands. He lived in Roebling himself, in the 200 block of Fifth Avenue, and when you live in a congested area you have to do what you have to do. The township has tried to create better effective parking by re-striping the overflow parking lot on Hornberger Avenue and creating more parking spaces behind the library. There is also parking on Main Street. Mayor Muchowski stated that parking lines only try to create organization; a basic sense of courtesy would still have to exist. He feels that there are more issues at play than just parking. He asked that the residents be more considerate and courteous of each other. After listening to the residents tonight, Mayor Muchowski does not believe the majority of the Eighth Avenue residents want lined parking. He reiterated that there is parking available on Main Street; it may not be desirable parking because it is not in front of the homes but it is available. He asked that the residents be respectful of each other.

Council President Baldorossi stated that the governing body will take this evening's discussion into consideration and report back to the residents.

9:04 PM RECESS

9:09 PM MEETING RESUMED

**TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER ENGINEER**

**Well No. 6: Current Estimate No. 2**

Russell Trice, Township Water and Sewer Engineer, reviewed and recommends payment of Current Estimate No. 2. A Resolution will be prepared for approval at next week's meeting.

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Mr. Trice included an updated schedule in his report. The original completion date was September 9, 2007. Now the contractor is a little over two (2) months behind schedule. The contractor claims it is primarily due to getting approval for the trusses and because he could not get a building permit until the trusses were approved, which Mr. Trice discussed with Council last month. The reality is the contractor did not submit shop drawings that could be approved, so he could not get a building permit. At this point, the contractor has submitted a complete schedule. Mr. Trice does not see any reason why the contractor will not follow through with the schedule at this point. He does seem to want to get the job done.

Council Member Garganio expressed displeasure with the November completion date. The Public Works Department cleaned the whole parcel out with the plan to restore and do a planting before the fall, when the work was completed. The contractor is pushing the township past that point. Council Member Garganio asked if the final site work could be completed before the interior work? Mr. Trice believes that is possible. Council Member Garganio does not want to miss the planting season. Mr. Trice will meet with the contractor to discuss and report back.

### **Status Report: Aerator**

Mr. Trice stated that back in July it was discussed that the media needed to be replaced and there was a lot of structural work that had to be done. At that time Council authorized Administrator Brook to purchase media from a different manufacturer and to authorize the contractor to complete the structural work and to order some additional equipment. Two of the additional items were a distributor tray and a blower that were ordered through Seimans, the manufacturer of the aerator. Back in early August when the contractor was authorized to order the additional equipment, they promised a delivery date of 4 – 6 weeks. In late August, after speaking with the contractor and Seimans, it was found out that it will take another 6 – 8 weeks for the tray and blowers to come in. Actually the blowers were not an extra to the contract. They were approved by Mr. Trice's office in June. Mr. Trice stated that it is not acceptable to wait another 6 – 8 weeks; the water quality is getting bad and the Water and Sewer Department is getting complaints. Mr. Trice spoke with the manufacturer that is providing the media and received quotes from them to supply the distributor tray and blower. The quote came in lower than Seimans and they can deliver the equipment in a couple of weeks. Mr. Trice advised the contractor to cancel the order with Seimans. The money for the equipment will be deducted from the contract and paid directly to the other manufacturer.

Council Member Ryan asked if they were okay under the bidding requirements? Mr. Trice stated that it does have to be done as an emergency. Administrator Brook explained that it was pulled from the contract and now an Emergency Resolution will have to be done.

Mr. Trice stated that the Aerator should be up and running by the end of the month.

### **TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

#### **Update: Marter Park**

Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that the contractor has been out in force over the past week. There has been good progress on the restoration work around the walking paths and the front area along the driveways. The contractor working the fields is doing a good job and making good progress. The first phase should be completed by the end of the day tomorrow and final grading and prep for seeding should be completed next week, as well as fertilizing and lime. Council Member Garganio stated that they are doing a very nice job.

**Update: Greenbriar**

Mr. Guzzi stated that he is in the process of preparing a final punch list. He is waiting to hear from Greenbriar's Homeowners Association to see if they have bondable items to include. He anticipates having the list completed in the next couple of weeks. He is also waiting to hear back from Lennar on several items that he has asked how they are going address them.

In response to Council President Baldorossi, Mr. Guzzi stated that the trees at Greenbriar should be going in within the next couple of weeks.

**ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR**

**Summer Street Parking Regulations**

Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that this has been discussed in the past. He does not see much parking on Summer Street in the area of Veterans Park but it should be posted "No Parking" for safety sake. He provided a Draft Ordinance and map in the packet for Council to review. Council in agreement to move forward with Ordinance.

**Delaware Avenue Parking Response**

Assistant Administrator Sahol reported that the County responded to the township's request for a field study regarding parking on Delaware Avenue with their recommendation. They recommend shifting the centerline between Railroad Avenue and Poplar Avenue, creating an 8-foot wide parking lane 200 feet in length along the southerly curb line of Delaware Avenue to facilitate parking for the deli. Stopping and standing would have to be prohibited before the striping can be revised. The County provided a map outlining the change and the language that would have to be adopted if the change were to be done. Assistant Administrator Sahol reviewed the map with Council.

Don Kaminski, 10 McCay Drive, provided pictures to the governing body that he took yesterday showing large trucks parked on either side of Delaware Avenue with their tires over the fog line. This is the problem that is being addressed. Mr. Kaminski does not believe that the County's recommendation will take care of the southbound side of Delaware Avenue but does believe it is an improvement. He will go along with the County's recommendation.

Council Member Garganio would like to see one foot taken from the no parking side of Delaware Avenue and another foot added to the shoulder making it 9 foot. Assistant Administrator Sahol will send the recommendation back to the County and request revised drawings.

**Riverbank Drive: Access Area**

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the homes in the center of the Riverbank Drive development currently have an access area in the rear of their properties that runs from end to end. The access area is not delineated on any of the township maps or on the property owner's deeds. It provides the residents with the ability to get to the rear of their homes without going through their homes. There is no way the township can maintain that space as open; the township cannot deny a permit application unless they took the position that in that zone another's continued access to the rear of their property could not be blocked.

Council Member Garganio stated that it is a 2-foot wide, 5-foot deep stone drain put there because the developer was concerned about the yards draining into other yards because some were higher than others. He believes a permit application can be denied in the drain area. Assistant Administrator



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Sahol stated that there is a provision that addresses fences in swales but this area is not shown as a swale or open area. He believes this is a builder's remedy that never made the plan.

Mayor Muchowski suggested, since Council Member Garganio has working knowledge of the development, that he look at the plans and discuss at a future meeting.

Mayor Muchowski asked if the access area was currently obstructed? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that there are currently two (2) fences and a shed. He has not been able to confirm whether or not the resident applied for a permit for the shed but it may predate the way the department is administered at the present time. The owner of one of the fences has willingly offered to move his fence that would open up that area. That would leave one (1) fence and one (1) shed.

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, lives in the development and does not believe that it is an access area; he believes it is a French drain. He explained that residents living in the middle would have to move any equipment or whatever they need for out back through their house to get to their back yard.

This issue will be evaluated and discussed at a future meeting.

### **Closing of the Street: West Second Street & Parish Lane**

Assistant Administrator Sahol was approached by Chief Gordon Dawson who stated that now that Duffy School and Holy Assumption School are closed, the legislation requiring those streets to be closed during certain times of the school day are no longer needed. The signs and temporary posts can be removed. An Ordinance removing the legislation will be prepared for next week's meeting.

### **FAAD Building**

Assistant Administrator Sahol provided a memo and photographs of the FAAD Building renovations. He would like to acknowledge Jottan publicly for what they have done for the community. They have done an incredible job and the Boy Scouts and Venture Crew are thrilled. Once the building gets a coat of paint it will look even better.

### **ABC TRANSFER: BLACKDOG BEVERAGES (RED, WHITE & BREW)**

Mary Anne Brown, for Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, stated that everything is in order for the transfer to be approved at the October 3, 2007 meeting.

### **HANDICAPPED PARKING REQUEST: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – W. FRONT STREET**

Mayor Muchowski stated that there was a letter from the Chief of Police that handicapped parking spaces for the church would not interfere with the residents in the area or the traffic flow. The governing body has approved similar requests in the past. An Ordinance will be prepared for next week's meeting.

### **EIGHTH AVENUE STRIPED PARKING**

Due to the lack of consensus or support from the residents for striped parking spaces, a letter will be sent to the residents stating that lined parking will not be done.

Now that there is another petition from Third Avenue residents requesting lined parking, Mayor Muchowski suggested that a certain percentage of residents in agreement be established in order for Council to approve a request.

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Council Member Garganio suggested that an explanation of Green Acres and why they cannot park in the lot the school uses be included in the letter going out to the Eighth Avenue residents.

### **ZIP CODE CONSOLIDATION**

Council Member Ryan asked the status of the zip code consolidation? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the request is in Washington now but no one knows where. He will see what he can find out and report back.

### **ACTION**

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- A. AMEND RAFFLE LICENSE NO. RL887: Florence Township Civic Association, Inc., Night at the Races, Change Date, Time, Location to October 20, 2007, 6:00PM – 2:00AM, St. Nicholas Church

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Ryan to approve the amendment to Raffle License No. RL887.

#### **On the Question**

Council Member Garganio explained that the application was approved at a previous Council Meeting but the event was canceled. The date, time and location are being amended.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Ryan, Baldorossi  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: Garganio, Sandusky

Motion carries.

### **TALL PINES DEVELOPMENT SIGN**

Council Member Garganio noticed that the Tall Pines Development sign is in bad shape and asked if it would be replaced? Administrator Brook explained that the sign was vandalized over the weekend and was taken down today. He stated that it would not be replaced. He will approach the property owner where the sign was located and ask if the township can put down topsoil and seed.

### **BUSING LETTER TO SCHOOL**

Administrator Brook provided a copy of the draft letter to the Florence Township Board of Education regarding the busing issue that was brought to Council's attention at the September 5, 2007 meeting for Council's review and approval. Council approved the letter and it will go out tomorrow.

### **CROSSING GUARD AT THIRD AND PINE STREETS**

Administrator Brook reported that the Crossing Guard that has been posted at Third and Pine Streets may have to stay at that location. It is very chaotic at that location and having the guard there helps bring safety to the area. Mayor Muchowski stated that the employees of the Riverfront School park in the lot along Pine Street but there is an open lot on the other side of the building. He would like to

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speak to the Chief of Police to see if it would be best for the teachers to park in the other lot and have the Pine Street lot open for dropping off and picking up.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Council Member Sandusky stated that the school has started and he did not see the “**Schools Open – Drive Carefully**” signs on the telephone poles.

Council Member Sandusky sees that one of the township’s Police Officers checks for **car seat safety** and suggested that he be stationed one morning at the school as kids are being dropped off to check seats. Mornings may be a little hectic for parents; Council Member Ryan suggested doing it at a parent’s night at school.

10:13 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

10:13 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. BROOK  
Township Administrator/  
Deputy Township Clerk

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